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SUPPLEMENT TO PROTEST

This paper supplements the Protest to the above-referenced Reissue Application which was filed by the undersigned on February 23, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a Declaration of Dr. Roderic P. Quirk, a Professor of Polymer Science at the University of Akron. In his declaration Dr. Quirk states that he has reviewed the reissue applicants' claim the melt viscosity of their claims polybutadienes are unexpectedly small but in Dr. Quirk's view, "the observations of lower viscosities for the polymers in the patent relative to the allegedly analogous commercial polymers is not unexpected; in fact, it is expected based on basic principles of polymer science" which Dr. Quirk explains in his declaration.

For these reasons and the reasons set forth in the Protest filed on February 23, 2004 and the previous filed declaration of Dr. Taejun Yoo of January 19, 2004, the invention set forth in

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the reissue claims is both anticipated and obvious over prior art and well-known principals of chemistry.

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